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| Paul E. Burton | § | | RECEIVED |
| | § | Group Art Unit: 1621 | CENTRAL FAX CENTER |
| Serial No.: 09/515,428 | § | | |
| | § | Case Docket No.: 2000B010 | OCT 1 0 2003 |
| Filed: February 29, 2000 | § | | _ |
| | § | Baytown, TX | |
| For: Process For Hydrolyzing | § | | |
| Di-isopropyl Ether To Isopropyl | § | | and the same |
| Alcohol By Catalytic Distillation | § | | |

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STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

This is an inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application. We have not yet received an office action on the foregoing case. If for some reason, an office action has been sent but not received by us, please let us know so that we can respond in a timely manner. Otherwise, we await your formal correspondence in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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